

KEY ACHIEVEMENT OF THE MONTH

917,941 refugees and vulnerable host members received food assistance

HIGHLIGHTS:

In December, thanks to a generous contribution from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, WFP avoided a catastrophic sudden cut-off of food assistance to targeted individuals due to a funding pipeline break.

As a result, WFP and its co-operating partners managed to reach some 880,968 Syrian refugees with the USD30 per individual food voucher towards mid-December. Some 4,446 newly arrived refugees were assisted with food parcels as normal.

Through the e-card, WFP injected an additional USD\$26.4 million into the Lebanese economy. Other food security sector partners reached some 32,527 vulnerable individuals (20,887 of which were reached with RRP6 funding) among the four different caseloads, and in the process injected a further USD\$1.4 million into the Lebanese economy.

In light of the pipeline break that was almost experienced in December, the Food Security sector and an IA core group began working on a contingency plan that could be activated in the event of possible future recurrence of a similar scenario.

The Government of Lebanon's emergency NPTP food assistance to vulnerable Lebanese gained momentum. In December, the programme reached 5,076 vulnerable households (27,209 individuals).

The beneficiaries are extremely poor Lebanese registered under the NPTP who live on less than USD2 per day.

Enumerator training and testing of the household targeting questionnaire began in December. This process was done jointly by the Food and Cash assistance actors.

NEEDS ANALYSIS:

The need for food assistance remains a priority among Syrian refugees and other vulnerable groups. Food Security sector partners will continue to provide food assistance for targeted vulnerable groups. Contingency planning for possible funding pipeline breaks will continue to be prioritised. In January, food Partners plan to reach out to some 950,000 Syrian refugees and other population groups.

The government of Lebanon's emergency e-card for food assistance project under the emergency NPTP programme will continue in January.

Food security and cash sector partners will begin to administer the household targeting questionnaire through household visits.



PROGRESS AGAINST 2014 TARGETS



** Indicators are reported on a quarterly basis - *** Target changed and achievements reported since July 2014.

Source: figures reported above reflect the information reported to Sector Coordinators by Partners participating in Working Groups

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